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THAT DEFUNCT BANK AGAIN.

After wrestling with the affairs of the Nye and Ormsby County bank, deceased, for a long, very long time, Thomas Lockhart has given up hope of realizing anything at all for the depositors and resigned, Ed Patterson of Carson being appointed by the court to perform the last sad rites and bury the corpse. It is high time the odoriferous carcass of this rotten institution be placed out of sight forever, for it stinks to heaven, and then some.

In his speech accepting the resignation of Mr. Lockhart Judge Langan is reported as saying: "There is no doubt but the Nye & Ormsby County bank is in a bad condition, rotten, I might term it; rotten to the core, and it is not the dollar-for-dollar institution I thought it was going to be. In my judgment the Nye and Ormsby County bank, and my knowledge has been gained from the reports submitted to me by Mr. Lockhart as well as the other receiver, I am candidly of the opinion that the depositors will never get anything out of it to speak of, and if anything, a very, very small percentage of their deposits."

According to Judge Langan's summing up of a mass of figures, there is due the depositors \$450,000, and the actual money on hand is such an insignificant sum that it can easily be used up in paying court costs in some law suits now pending. Now this is a bad state of affairs, and one for which the people of Nevada have no one to blame but themselves. They are so tolerant of this sort of thing, so easy going, that bank wrecking is generally conceded to be the safest and easiest way of stealing money. When a gang of highwaymen hold up a stage or a train and take a few hundreds or a few thousands of dollars, every effort is made to apprehend them and send them to prison. The ringleader generally gets a longer lecture from the judge and a heavier sentence than his associates in crime, and he deserves it. Not so with those who embezzle the general public's money by means of banks, a simple way of obtaining money under false pretenses. The men who acquire other people's property in this manner are seldom brought to trial even, and when one is tried and convicted the general public is astonished if he ever lands in prison. No wonder intelligent thieves adopt this method.

The people have the remedy for this state of affairs in their own hands. All they have to do is to demand, and mean it, that those who are responsible for bank failures, the men who become reckless with other people's money, loaning it right and left without security, be treated with the same severity that other robbers are treated. If a highwayman takes a purse from a widow he goes to prison and wears striped clothes. Then why not put the livery of the felon on the man who, by means of mahogany furniture, plate-glass windows and gilded sign robs of their all a thousand widows? Is it any worse, or does it leave the one widow any poorer for the footpad to get her money than for the other villain to get that of a hundred widows?

Let us make a law, and see that it is enforced, putting robbery by means of banks in the same category as robbery by stealth, making bank officials criminally responsible for their own act, and stockholders responsible for losses by companies in which they hold shares, and it is safe to assume that banking will be conducted on more conservative lines.—Wonder News.

When you hear a man sneering at the local paper because it is not big, cheap and newsy as the city papers, you can safely bet he does not squander any of his wealth in assisting to make it better, and that generally the paper has done more for him than he has for it. The man who cannot see the benefits arising from a local newspaper is about as much value to a town as a delinquent tax list.—Carson Appeal.

Vincent Astor, son of John Jacob Astor, has entered Harvard with a wardrobe, one item of which is given as ten pairs of shoes. A good understanding, but not necessarily one that will help him much in the classics.

The Southern Pacific has issued an order that hereafter all its ice men when on duty must wear white duck suits, white caps and rubber gloves. If this sort of thing goes much further, what on earth will the poor germs do?

The San Mateo Women's club is to hold a gypsy camp at which the young girls and matrons will be dressed in the garbs of the Balkans. It is to be hoped that they will not make it too realistic by holding a Balkan uprising.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

It is pitiable that the great sailor has been called, and that so suddenly that he had not time to send even a good-bye to those he loved. For five and forty years he served his country, in every sea he carried his country's flag, and everywhere with honor. He went on an errand of mercy to the rescue of a lost band in the far north; in the face of three magnificent ships, either one of which could have sunk him in fifteen minutes, he demanded of Chili some prisoners whom she was holding, and stripped his decks for action if the demand was not complied with. And he was a most significant factor in the greatest sea triumph of our nation since the Kearsarge sunk the Alabama. He was a brilliant scholar and statesman and had been a better politician would have been nominated for president.

Personally he was the kindest and most courteous of gentlemen, and we suspect that it was for this, linked with his great service, that he was in command of the warship that bore the body of Ericsson back to his native country. Most public men have double reputations with the public.

The men of the south hold that Stonewall Jackson was one of their very greatest generals, but when they say that, they add in the same breath that he was a Puritan, a Cromwell, one not easily reached, not cordial when met. Napoleon was the most imperial of men, but when he walked along the ranks of his grenadiers, pulled their whiskers and called them "jolly dogs," they were ready, every one, to die for him. In the height of the Santiago battle and race, the head of the yeoman—the man who calculates the distance an enemy is away—was shot off, only a few feet from where Admiral Schley stood. The seamen picked the body up to throw it overboard, when the admiral stopped them, saying, "So brave a sailor shall be buried with all honors."

When in this city he was asked what was the most striking incident of that day of days off Santiago. He replied: "It was when the Viscaya called for help, and some boat loads of the Brooklyn's crew went to their rescue. The fight and excitement had known no abatement for two hours, but those boat crews all fell into even stroke as perfect as though out on drill." The great features of the fight he let pass, but the work of the tars he gladly exalted.

His was a lofty soul and his body goes down to the grave with a whole nation as mourners around it.—Goodwin's Weekly.

MAKE INTEMPERANCE INEXCUSABLE.

One of the most effective means of checking intemperance is the severity of treatment now accorded the drunkard by the United States government and for some years a conspicuous feature of railroad discipline.

President Taft has just approved the dismissal of four West Point cadets for intoxication and ordered the imprisonment of four others in barracks until May 31 next. He is determined that officers of the army and navy shall know that they cannot drink to excess and continue to wear the nation's uniform.

The president's action will be applauded by all right-minded Americans. By making intoxication an inexcusable offense in the government service it sharply jars the liberal notions of those who have contended that a man's personal habits are none of his employer's business.

They assuredly are his employer's concern, and if all employers would be as uncompromising as Uncle Sam young men inclined to drink themselves silly would find reform a necessity, a simple question of earning a living.

The railroads have no use for a drinking man. They discharge him without delay or undue ceremony. And since they have been doing so they assert that the personnel of their operating forces has been greatly improved. Irresponsibility has given way to reliability, the men being aware that the least lapse will be fatal and that no quarter will be given.

If all the industrial organization of the country would adopt the same policy there would be a surprising decrease of intemperance. Men have to live; they desire to live comfortably, and if they are made to realize that heavy drinking ipse facto disqualifies them for employment, they will not be so eager to keep up the good life, which leads so many of them to ruin.

Stewart Edward White, naturalist and author, returning from a hunting trip in Africa, says he believes he shot the largest lion ever killed. In view of another fairly recent distinguished return from Africa, look out for White being added to the list of the nature fakers or the Ananias club.

One hundred Pennsylvania farmers have gone to New York to ascertain how the cost of living can be reduced. By the time they get through paying their New York hotel bills they will think the expenses back on the farms are a snap.

It is too bad the Rev. Reese was not in the state of Nebraska during the trouble of the I. W. W. What a valiant leader he would have been for that delectable outfit.

Anyway, it can be said in favor of Uncle Ike Stephenson that he spent his own money to secure his election. There was no pool to "put him over."

Solicitor McCabe having been "relieved" from duty, manufacturers of adulterated food and drugs must seek a new avenue of attack upon Dr. Wiley.

Comes the humble undertaker, and with keen sense of the world's social uplift, respectfully submits that henceforth and hereafter he shall be known as a mortician.

Germany and France avoided war and settled their differences, but it did not take Italy long to furnish a scrap for those who had been waiting for international trouble.

Many ladies are affirming that they will never wear the whoop skirt. Well enough to keep up a brave front, but they will wear it just the same if fashions bids.

BONE SAWYER IS COMING TO WONDER

CRYING DEMAND FOR SICK AND SORE IS ABOUT TO BE SUPPLIED.

Wonder is soon to have a doctor, unless plans go wrong. A plan for raising a guarantee fund to induce a physician to take up his residence and hang out a shingle here has been sufficiently successful, and a medical man from Salt Lake has consented to cast his lot among us and grow up with the country.

Thus far there has been very little dangerous sickness in the community, and such accidents as have happened have fortunately been of the kind that could wait until the patient could be taken to Fallon, but this was more good luck than anything else, and the next one may be more serious.—Wonder News.

MUCH SURVEY WORK IS BEING DONE IN NEVADA

There are now seven full crews of surveyors working on township surveys in this state. The crews are under direction of United States Surveyor General Kyle and under the direct supervision of Captain Stover, says the Reno Gazette.

They are surveying 100 townships and there is a crew each in Pyramid and Duck Creek reservations surveying Indian lands.

As soon as this work is completed there will probably be 100 additional townships surveyed, as applications for land are coming in to the United States land office by every mail. The recent water developments by means of artesian well, coupled with recognized advantages of Nevada soil and climate, are inviting applicants under homestead laws as well as the Carey act.

IRRIGATED LANDS LOSING VALUE; INVESTIGATION

Reports of the serious deterioration of orange, apple and pear orchards on the irrigated lands of California, Oregon, Washington and other Western states, where extensive farming methods are followed, has resulted in the beginning of an investigation by the department of agriculture to determine the causes. The government will keep fruit and soil experts in the irrigation states for several months studying the effect of abundance of water upon the orchards. The decline in the value of established orchards has amounted to millions of dollars, according to authorities of the department.

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Notice is hereby given that Fred T. Gleason, of Goldfield, Nevada, who, on February 24, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 02208, for NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 26, N 1/2, SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 27, Township 1 North, Range 49 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the County Clerk of Nye County, at Tonopah, Nevada, on the 25th day of October, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses:
John Alfred Bier and James Clifford, of Goldfield, Nevada.
William G. Cook and August Charles Reed, of Silver Bow (Via Tonopah, Nev.)
LOUIS J. COHN, Register.

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